They have been permitted by the Government to undertake confectioning and slitting within their overall licensed capacity covered by the above industrial licence.

M/s Hindustan Photo Films Mfg. Co. Ltd. are also holding industrial licence for the manufacture of X-ray Films for annual capacity of 10 million sq. mtrs. and graphic art film for a capacity of 2 million sq. mtr.

2. M/s New India Industries Ltd. hold an industrial licence for the manufacture of black and white photographic printing paper for annual capacity of 3.375 million sq. mtr. They have also been permitted to undertake confectioning and slitting of photographic colour paper from jumbo rolls within this licensed capacity.

The policy of the Government with regard to the photosensitized goods is to encurage manufacture of these goods from basic stage. Government have approved creation of capacity for integrated manufacture of medical and industrial x-ray, graphic arts, cinematographic film, photographic colour paper etc.

Import of Petro-Chemicals from Middle-East

1392. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to import petrochemical intermediates from the Middle-East and other countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Paradeep Port on the East-Coast is being considered for import of these materials and for creation of the required storage and associated facilities; and

(d) if so, by when the proposal would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Import of petrochemicals intermediates takes place depending upon the gap between demand and supply in the country. Most of these items are directly imported by users from different countries depending upon their requirements and market conditions.

(c) and (d) The Government of Orissa had made a suggestion that Paradeep Port be developed for storage and handling of petrochemicals intermediates. Since this would require substantial investment, State Government have been advised to undertake detailed techno-economic feasibility study of any such proposal.

Crisis in the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd., Kanpur

1393. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur have been on strike since mid July, 1990, and have been refusing to attend to their work;

(b) whether the management has also failed to provide necessary raw materials for maintaining a regular flow of production during the past six months or so;

(c) whether the management is now seeking the protection of IDBI in the matter of finance in order to overcome financial irregularities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what efforts are to be made to change the present management; and